Consumption of Jute Goods

2591. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what was the domestic consumption of Jute goods during the year 1989-90, 90-91 and 91-92; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to increase the domestic consumption of Jute goods ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Domestic consumption of Jute goods during the last three years was as follows :

(Qty '000 tonnes)

Year	Domestic consumption
1989-90	1108.8
1990-91	1234.7
1991-92	1079.3

(b) Government have protected the traditional market for jute in the packaging of special commodities through enactment of Jute Packaging Material (Compulsory Use in packing Commodities) Act, 1987 and have encouraged the diversified and use of jute through fiscal, financial and marketing support in order to promote its increased consumption.

Decline in Silk Production

2592. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of silk has decreased during 1991-92 as compared to the previous year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the target for silk production during 1992-93; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to increase production of silk

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) As compared to the year 1990-91, the production of silk had declined during 1991-92 due to sudden outbreak of pebrine disease in major silk producing States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The silk production target for the year 1992-93 is 14,465 metric tonnes.

(d) Some of the major steps being undertaken to increase silk production are as under :—

(i) bringing in additional acreage under mulberry.

(ii) improving silkworm seed quality.

(iii) development of new strains of silkworm races.

(iv) Popularisation of effective disease control measures etc.

Measures for better unit value realisation from Textiles and Garment Export

2593. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have initiated any new measures for achieving better unit value realisation in Textile and garment export; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Gov-